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Dear George Hashim,

The graduate students in the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology are hosting a symposium entitled: **Pattern and Polarity: Establishing Difference in Development**. It will be held April 12-14, 1996. This symposium will explore the ways both single celled organisms and multicellular organisms establish axes and pattern for asymmetric cell division and embryonic development, and will include discussion of organisms as diverse as bacteria, yeast, algae, nematodes, insects, and vertebrates. This letter is written to request financial assistance for our graduate student symposium.

This will be the sixteenth symposium organized by the graduate students in MCD Biology. A unique feature of this event is that it is organized and run entirely by graduate students from our department. These symposia allow us to interact with prominent scientists from diverse disciplines one-on-one, and introduce us to deeper insights into many important questions facing biologists today. These symposia also serve to enliven the scientific atmosphere of the region by bringing prominent biologists from around the world to Boulder.

In the past, the Graduate Student Symposium has been made possible by generous donations from biotechnology companies, from companies that do business with researchers in the Boulder area, and from others interested in biology. The total cost of the symposium, the majority of which is used for transportation and lodging of the speakers, is estimated at 15,000 dollars. Past contributions have ranged from 500 to 3500 dollars. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated, and acknowledged both at the symposium and in the symposium program which is given to each attendee.

Enclosed please find a tentative schedule for this year's symposium, as well as schedules from past symposia. A member of the Graduate Student Symposium Organizing Committee will be contacting you by phone to discuss this request. We would like to thank you for your time and effort, and hope that you are as excited about this year's symposium as we are.

Sincerely,

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